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Concerned Citizens
Baldwin Park, CA 91760

Dear Concerned Citizens:

This is in response to your February 3, 2012 regarding the City of Baldwin Park and the RENEW LA County grant.


On August 4, 2010, the City of Baldwin Park was awarded \$240,000 in Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) funding through a competitive bid process under DPH's RENEW LA County (RENEW). The City of Baldwin Park has not previously received a \$1 million grant from DPH and is not in the process of applying for RENEW funding. The RENEW grant period ended on March 18, 2012.

The City of Baldwin Park agreed under their RENEW scope of work to develop and implement a Complete Streets policy, establish a pilot after school program addressing physical activity, and expand the efforts of a corner store conversion program. Street reconstruction was not part of the grant's activities.

The City of Baldwin Park has successfully met all program contract requirements. The Complete Streets policy passed by the City was rated by the National Complete Streets Coalition as the strongest policy in the nation to date. The City additionally went beyond their scope of work to update their vending machine policy, making it one of the strongest policies in the County. All milestone activities for their afterschool and corner store scopes of work have been completed.

Your letter expressed concern that the city is responsible for mismanagement of funds. As it relates to RENEW, a routine contract audit completed by DPH staff on April 27, 2011 resulted in no findings of malfeasance, inconsistent reporting, or misappropriation of funds.

Sincerely,

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